

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SEBADILLA PRESCRIBED BURN CONTINUES **-SMOKE VERY VISIBLE-**

--BECAUSE OF THE VISIBILITY OF THIS BURN AND THE SMOKE, I'D SURE APPRECIATE YOUR ANNOUNCING IT.--

- Fire personnel are continuing with prescribed fire activities in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, 8 miles east of Pecos, 10 miles west of Las Vegas, approximately 2 miles west of the Barillas Fire Lookout
- Crews have treated 280 acres over the past 2 days and will continue to blackline (reinforce) perimeters of the planned 2,000 ac. fire using hand ignition.
- Aerial ignition may begin tomorrow (Friday) if conditions permit. *Aerial ignition-* dropping aerial spheres (ping pong balls containing flammable chemicals which ignite on contact) from a helicopter.
- Both the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation have contributed funding to complete this project because of the benefits it will on wildlife habitat. Another main objective of the burn is to reduce hazardous fuels that will also reduce the threat of wildfire to nearby communities.
- Smoke is very visible from Lower Colonias, Ilfeld, Mineral Hill, San Pablo, San Geronimo, Camp Blue Haven, Gallinas Canyon, Pecos, Las Vegas, and other communities along I-25. Smoke will settle down-canyon at night but should quickly disperse with morning sunlight.
- Plans are to continue burning while weather conditions allow, until the 2,000-acre project is complete.

